Letters from Every Part of the Country.

Their Hearts are True to Comrade McKinley.

A RINGING APPEAL Comrade Joseph W. Kay's Address to His Comrades.

There is certainly no comrade in private life who has done more for the comrades than Joseph W. Kay, of Brooklyn. He is a astic G.A.R. man. He is a big-brained, strong, earnest man, and has given time, labor, and money without stint to advance the interests of the comrades. He was the founder and moving spirit of the Union Veterans' Union, whose watchword-Fraternity means something-has been adopted by true comrades everywhere. Up until this campaign Comrade Kay has been a power in the Democracy, but he felt that this is a crisis | right, above party. In an address before a great veteran assemblage at Newark, N. J., he

These days remind us somewhat of those which immediately preceded and soon followed the breaking out of the civil war. Then, as now, the people were aroused. Our country and its flag were in peril. Groups of men-and women and children as wellgathered at the corners of our streets, intently discussing in fear and trembling and with bated breath the war talk which was prevalent. Excitement grew apace. And soon some of the newspaper offices were surrounded, and the cry went up, "Put out your flag; put out your flag."

A little later came the attack on Fort Sumter, when the flag was fired upon, and then the great Lincoln, of sainted memory, called the loval of the Nation to arms. Good men and true, breaking asunder the ties of party and casting aside the pursuits and pleasures of civil life, leaving their occupations, their homes, their loved ones-and their politics as well-behind them, answering that call, thronged to the field resolved that the Union, one and indivisible, must and should be preserved. Under the folds of that flag they made this Nation free.

After four years of cruel war, those who survive it, many of them mangled in body or broken in health, though loyal still, rethis great Nation of United States a memory; or, by transposing two letters of the word united so that it might spell u-n-t-i-e-d, as some of our brothers in the South had intended, make confession that free Government was a failure.

False teachings and false doctrines, growing out of an effort to maintain and extend Human slavery in this Republic, caused that war, so destructive of human life, so costly in money, yet so prolific in grand results. Slavery came to us as an heirloom from our forefathers. To them the fact that human flesh and blood was bought and sold upon the auction block the same as a piece of real estate or chattels seemed righteous in the sight of God, until Wendell Phillips, Wil-Ward Beecher, and others dispelled this illusion. Mr. Seward very properly said, con-cerning the civil war, that it was an "irre-

pressible conflict." Certainly it was one where blood and treasure were given in sacrifice, and through it many heresies were stamped out to the lasting benefit of all our people. When the past, for the first time in our history it be the earnest aim of every patriot in the old 58th can beat this, let us hear from you. was true that under our Constitution "all land. men are born free and equal."

The Nation is again in peril. We see around us everywhere evidence that the people are aroused. "Hang out your flag." Turn which way you will in our cities there is evidence of love and devotion to "Old Glory" as the emblem of liberty, equal rights, and a Nation's integrity. It means honest Government, an honest currency, and honesty among men. For such a cause the hearts of the people are never appealed to in vain. And they can always be trusted.

This political campaign threatens to precipitate another "irrepressible conflict" some persons are to prevail. The battle being waged is to some extent based on ideas of Government about which honest men may honestly disagree, and yet the and good judgment are permitted to control.

In these days of peace the ballot is equally as effective as the bullet was in war times in the settlement of differences, and certainly less harmful to the physical well-being of

The questions involved are many. That 16 to 1 is most plausibly presented and yet most dangerous, because it teaches dis-

No one who is old enough to remember with pleasure a depreciated or a fluctuating currency such as was represented by the institutions, nowhere exchangeable except at a discount, unless it was at the counter of the bank issuing the same. The result was a depreciated currency, low wages, and high prices.

And then in the war days came the greenbacks issued by the National Government in the hour of its distress, paid to the soldiers and other creditors of the Government. with the assurance that they were and would be maintained equal to gold. False purchasing power in the markets, at home and abroad, about 35 cents on the dollar. And then the story was true about a woman going to market with a basket full of money and returning home with a pocketbook full of the necessaries of life.

My own experience emphasizes this. Even to this day, the greenback is nothing more or less than a demand note-a promise to pay. It has never been redeemed. For more than 34 years these notes of the Government, given for value received at the time of original issue, have been notes of the Government renewed over and over again, without interest. Behind them is nothing except the pledge of the National credit and the gold reserve. These make and hold them at a parity with gold.

The free coinage of silver at 16 to 1 signi-

fies to some minds that 16 silver dollars may their votes are counted as cast, to do no be had for one of gold; to others, the coinage at the mint of 16 silver dollars to every one of gold; and, indeed, the changes are rung in a thousand ways, all of which are appeals to the werser passions of men. To the manufacturer and the merchant and the wage-earner the free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 means the scaling down of values practically one-half. The manufacturer and the merchant must mark their goods or products up double to meet the changed conditions; and, that being so, what difference will it make, though the wage-earnings are increased accordingly? Lord that every old soldier in the country This latter proposition is not susceptible of consideration. We know better. Even so, deposit his vote for Comrade McKinley. purchasing quality would not be changed.
And then who will be benefited by the upheaval? Only those who have silver to coin manbood approve such a thing?

Much has been said of "the crime of 1873." Is it not strange that this heinous thing called "a crime" was not long ago discovered? Has silver been demonetized?

Let the facts speak. I quote: "During September, 1896, the mints of the United States coined from silver bullion on hand, purchased under the act of July stanch, lifelong Democrat, and an enthusi- 14, 1890, 2,700,100 standard silver dollars, containing 2,088,358 ounces of pure silver, the cost of which was \$1,862,671, giving a seigniorage or profit of \$837,428 to the Gov- The Colorado papers are nearly all advocat-

> In the light here given, can it be said with truth that silver has been demonetized? But whether or not, and assuming there distasteful to many, and they are retching was a crime in 1873, that is no reason why over it. We tell them there is but one there should be another of greater magnitude in 1896. Two wrongs never yet made one the McKinley pie. Let us have McKinley

Free coinage is not bimetallism by any for every one. means. Stripped to its nakedness it means robbery. The only bimetallism we can have under existing conditions is that which the Government provides.

If all the silver produced was sold to the Government at the market price and by it | Free Silver. They are coming over, howcoined into money at the ratio of 16 to 1, or any other ratio, the seignorage would enable the Government to maintain it at a parity, | can't hit them too hard. anywhere in this country, at least. If, however, the producer of silver can take his silver to the mint and have it coined into money at the ratio of 16 to 1, then at once every silver dollar or the paper which represents such, heretofore issued by the Government, would necessarily only be of the same value as the false token. For who is to distinguish between the false and the true? Free coinage is a heresy. Its acceptance would mean disaster and ruin without a single compensation to the American

Important as the proper settlement of the financial question may be, there is another, a greater, danger than free coinage in the air we breathe. While free silver would be dishonest in many ways and we would stand discredited before the nations of the earth because thereof, in case we adopt it, this would be a small matter compared to the danger that lurks behind the idea so sedulously set forth in some of the newspapers and am greatly surprised to know that any should feed all the Republican tramps and turned to their homes with the conscious- of the day and on the stump by Mr. Bryan man who helped fight for the supremacy of the other the Democratic tramps. They ness that their work was well done, and that and his associates, in which it is sought to the Government should think of voting for now testify that the tramps have averaged There is no enemy's country to-day on leaders are. Isham G. Harris, Ben Tillman, Democrat. The Democratic lady has fed however, some men who, wittingly or unwittingly, are enemies to their country. capital and labor are in opposition one to the other; that what is wanted by the one is not good for the other, and also advance the claim that workingmen are coerced and intimidated in their right to vote as their conscience dictates by their employers. Sow the seeds of distrust between man and man and war will come again.

Such teachings are unworthy American are especially insulting to the intelligence liam Lloyd Garrison, John Brown, Henry and citizenship of the American working- lose no time in getting there. men. They are subversive of law, order and

> Concerning this subject, Chauncey M Depew recently said:

working people of this country. There is coming. absolute freedom among railroad men, and that I know. No President, no Superintendtrol their political action.

"There are 35,000 employees in the New York Central system, of which I am President. I go out every year upon the stump to speak for what I believe to be right. \* \* \* Every one of my fellow-employees knows that he can vote against my politics and upon the American people if the wishes of talk against my politics and work against my politics. As one of the largest employers of labor in the United States, in my official capacity, as a laborer upon the pay-roll and as liable to be dismissed as any of the others issues are capable of solution by peaceful by the Board of Directors, I resent, I repel means—not those of war—provided reason this insult to the manhood and the independence of the workingmen of the United

And as a manufacturer, I emphasize every word Mr. Depew has said. In this Nation there are no classes as contra-distinguished from the masses. We are all toilers-workingmen; each in his separate sphere; each of the free coinage of silver at the ratio of is intent on enjoying life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness according to the protecting influence of the Constitution of our country and beneath the folds of the flag. And no man with common sense, who loves the days before the war can contemplate his country, will attempt to array his fellowmen against each other or coerce or intimidate them in their right to carry their soverpaper money or bills issued by State banking eignity under their own hats. It is false, free coinage of silver at 16 to 1 would be untrue. And those who teach this doctrine the worst financial calamity that has ever are enemies of the people; they are demagogs whose touch is pollution, and they the disastrous Free Trade policy of the past are unworthy free speech in a free land.

## SKIRMISH FIRE.

[We have to apologize to our comrades for condensing their letters. We have re- wark that has been placed as far as possible ceived such a flood within the last few days, from the insane enthusiasm of political the value of the greenback was worth in 10 times the size of THE NATIONAL TRIB-UNE, and there would be nothing else in ments of society would be encouraged as the paper. Yet they are all good, and we they have been in the State of Illinois, want to print them. We have decided to where Altgeld holds the office of Governor. take a few sentences from each, just to show the drift of the writers' minds.-EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE. ]

Alabama Dr. J. H. Walling, Pinnacle, Ala.: Here in bright for Maj. McKinley. The Populists, and we will be where the Democratic party can directly and indirectly, both by word, manner, honest and dishonest, to defeat Mc- munity exclusively. We were getting into Kinley. Be sure to tell all the old soldiers the sheep industry under the McKinley law. that the Republicans are going solid for the Our wools brought 22 cents, and sheep averticket in this State, and I advise my soldier comrades who vote in States where scratching, but vote straight for our comrade, McKinley.

Geo. Wellbourn, Co. A, 57th (?). Brinkley, Ark .: I take great pleasure in reading the letters from the old boys all over the counthere are about 100 comrades right around | vote for that grand comrade, Wm. McKinley, | try and to all of the comrades? here who are doing the same. I pray the | who marched in the ranks, and did faithful

heaval? Only those who have silver to coin write you in regard to this great combina- favor of Comrade McKinley during the past to be elected. and those whose debts are greater than their tion of Democrats, Populists, and Anarchists, week. Leading politicians give him the assets. Untold thousands will go down to who are going to bring this country to a State by 30,000. In the name of God, how ruin. Is this honorable? Will American silver basis. They tell us the dollar will can any soldier with a clear conscience vote be the same as the dollar now in circulation; for Bryan and disaster to the country?

they say you cannot tell the difference. It occurs to me it will be dated, and if it is not dated it can be told by that, They hold it will be already backed by the Government, the same as now. As silver dollars are worth but 53 cents now, the Government would lose 47 cents on each dollar. How long could the Government stand that? One word to the old vets: Don't you get feoled on Free Silver. It will make you go around with tears in your eyes and clenched fists, and don't forget it. But go for Comrade Wm. McKinley; he is our man, and is

N. Koshland, Veterans' Home, Cal., expresses the hope that our standard-bearer, Comrade McKinley, will be elected for the next four years, as "God knows that we need a change, so that times may become better and confidence be restored."

I. B. Green, Co. G. 7th Ohio, Lamb, Colo.: It seems like we are degenerating out here. ing Bryan and Free Silver. The hideous cartoon is the first thing that meets the eye. But the Popocratic pudding is getting very antidote, and that is to partake liberally of and a good, stiff tariff, and plenty of work

Levi Brenberger, Co. M. 2d Pa. H. A., Longmont, Colo .: I think our side is gaining some here, but how it will be Nov. 3 I do not know. I am sorry to say that a good many of the comrades around here are for ever. Your letter "To Dissatisfied Comrades" was grand. Hit 'em again. You

Connecticut, Z. C. Bowen, Co. H. 10th Vt., Waterbury, Conn.: It is about 20 to 1 here in favor of obliged to send two silver dollars next year. I don't want our country classed with Please ask Bryan & Co. how it happens that Mexico, China and Japan. I want Sound silver and wheat have lost their cohesion so | Money, Protection, Prosperity, Patriotism suddenly.

R. W. Goode, Co. F, 16th Ill. Cav., Melare going to vote the same way.

John M. Butler, Pulaski, Ill., sends a list of 25 old soldiers who propose to stand shoulder to shoulder in support of Maj. first, last and all the time.

D. F. Lawler, Co. B, 73d Ill., Green Valley, Ill.: Your Open Letter in the issue of Oct. manhood and an unsubsidized press; they | 15 has the right ring. Every comrade who is not already in line and dressed should

John Naser, Co. H, 58th Ohio, Graymont, peace at a time when country should be Ills.: As I have defended my country for placed before party by every citizen who nearly four years, protecting the Nation's loves and reveres its flag and honors its free honor and its rights and the glorious star institutions. The problems of honest Gov- spangled banner, so I am now, with three turn of business prosperity to all our people | tion's honor and credit by giving six solid As a reader of THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE, I must say that it has been a blessing in this enough for any of them. vicinity, as it has given much light on the

Wm. E. Foster, 2d Ky., Soldiers and Sailtheir interest to do so, as we want nothing that paper.

but Sound Money. Wm. Houghton, Majer, 14th Ind., Loogootee, Ind.: I have been gratified to note -many of the letters you publish sound | Protection, and Prosperity. like they had been written by the other side. When the Chicago platform was promulgated I said that no soldier who understood the principles for which the war was fought could cast his vote for it. I would not put it upon the grounds that free coinage of silver would cut his pension in two. This would appeal to his pocket and not his patriotism. It is true we fought the war without asking what our wages would be, and accepted the 50-cent greenback for pay with the same patriotism with which we accepted the gage of battle. It was the best the Government could do. After the war was over we helped to make those greenbacks as good as gold, and it has been our boast and pride that every dollar of our money is worth 100 cents in every market of the world. While I believe that darkened our country-not even excepting four years—there are principles involved in the Chicago platform that are more dangerous: The doctrine of State rights is openly advocated; the subversion of the Supreme Court of the United States-the only bul-Bryan Administration, and the worst ele-What the country needs is the return to the Protective policy of the Republican party. Start the mills, give employment to labor, pay them good wages in good money, and they will consume the product of the farm at fair prices; put a tariff on wool, cattle, Alabama things are looking anything but horses, and everything the farmer raises, writing, and acting in every conceivable Central States. We are a farming com-\$1 to \$2 per head, with most of the flocks | erals ought to go down to infamy. destroyed. The soldier element in our

> battle for his country, as did we all? He is experienced and true, and we cannot make a mistake by placing him in the White

H. M. Lamb, Co. E. Ist Ind. Cav., Co. B, tet Ind. H. A., Princeten, Ind., rejoices that comrades all along the line are throwing in bitter trials, with all its severe sufferings, roll up a good majority for McKinley. the duties that were assigned us and nebly performed, and on the 3d of November let us see to it that our honored Comrade William McKinley is chosen as our standard-bearer, in order that our flagrand National honor may remain unsullied ""

G. W. Lyman, Co. I, 105th Ohio, and Co. E, 12th Ohio Cav., Ames, Iowa: The Popocrats are beginning to show their true colors more and more every day, and become more desperate and vicious.

George Drake, Co. K. 85th Ill., Clinton, Iowa: I mail you papers to-day containing the remarks of "Coin" Harvey about the old soldiers. I want all my comrades to know what such sneaking cowards are say- cast their votes before, and you bet the four ing. He is making votes for Comrade Mc-Kinley. Several Democrats came out of the hall, pulled off their Silver badges and ground them under foot. I heartily indorse | weights. THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE'S COURSE.

R. E. Wills, St. Francis, Kan.: Kansas is sure for McKinley, by a big majority. C. F. Blaick, Kiowa, Kan.: The same old Butternut cry in the North and the same old rebel yell in the South can be heard again. The same old Butternuts and rebels, with their Populist-Anarchist following.

have now combined to rule or ruin. Tell

all the old boys to do their duty, unflinchingly, and all will be well. Geo. Ousterhout, Conway Springs, Kan. Comrades, who are shouting for Bryan? Comrades, look around you. Aren't they the ones that tried to raise armies in the McKinley. I have taken THE NATIONAL Northwest to shoot us in the back? I don't TRIBUNE for 10 years, and shall as long as I want to be governed by any such men. I can raise a dollar. I hope I shall not be am for America, first, last and all the time.

and Wm. McKinley. A. J. Ogle, 5th Iowa, Ft. Scott, Kan .:

We have here a veteran loyal club of nearly bourne. Fla.: After a careful canvass of all 300. But there are four or five veterans the ex-Union soldiers in this County I am | who have got their brains turned, like Compleased to report that they will all vote for rade Williams, of Nebraska. Note this petheir old comrade, Maj. Wm. McKinley, and | culiar incident here in Fort Scott: A couple there are several ex-Confederate soldiers who of ladies are neighbors on the East Side, one of them a zealous Republican, the other an ardent Democrat. When the Republicans R. F. Sloan, Co. I, 8th Tenn., Mauldin's held their Convention at St. Louis these Mills, Ga.: I am Southern born and bred, ladies agreed that the Republican lady Bryan. Stop and think who the Bryan one a day, and every one of these has been a J. C. S. Blackburn, Jones, of Arkansas, Alt- them all; the Republican lady none. So the South are anxious to have McKinley of complaint against Wall Street and East-President. The South prospers under Re- ern capitalists for sending no Republican enunciate the doctrine that the interests of publican rule and suffers under any other tramps out West. It would be about as that has been said by the Popocrats, and senseless as many things they say. Mr. Bryan and his followers will find that all of the Middle West, two-thirds of the far West and a large portion of the South will be the "enemy's country" as well as New York It makes my heart sick to hear of any old McKinley, Sound Money, and Protection, and New England when it comes to this sectional issue of the Popocrats. This country had enough of sectionalism in the 60's. Greenup Leeper, Co. B, 11th Kan. Cav., Blakeman, Kan., believes that McKinley every soldier he has met says he will vote

ent, no Manager controls or attempts to con- Home will vote for McKinley, and it is for Demo-Pops to have his name attached to

G. W. Geogier, Co. G. 2d Mich., Mankato, Kan .: Nine out ten of the ex-Union soldiers around me are going to vote for McKinley. We have everything to fight here .the splendid fight you have been making for Democrats, Populists, and the Lord knows honest money and good Government, and who,-but it will be found that the "old have been thinking you were not as well boys" of this town, with but very few exsupported by the comrades as you should be ceptions, will cast their votes for McKinley,

Kentucky. J. L. Reeves and Mason Popplewell, Co. G. 3d Ky., Kidd's Store, Ky.: Look at the Government will redeem it with gold. We want to keep it good by being able to redeem it in gold. We find that the mercyseat was covered with pure gold. What God called good let not man put down. Let us rally on our colors again for the good of our beloved country. Read Genesis,

2:11, 12, and 1 Kings, 9:14, and study them tom House street, New Orleans, La., is of money in the Treasury. Then he comthe opinion that the silver craze is only menced to drop and scale pensioners; then a deep-laid scheme of moneyed men to un- to borrowing money by the issue of bonds, load their bullion on the public, reap their etc. Then the tariff measure of Wilson's millions, and care not for the results that supplanted the McKinley tariff. Then came may follow. What we want is statesmen | the flood of produce from the cheap-labor with common sense to legislate to keep gold | countries of the world under the free trade and silver in circulation, and then, with a of the Wilson bill, cheapening and almost Protective tariff, when the workingman will driving out of our markets our own producget more wages than he does under the tions. Now Mr. Bryan is telling us of a present "tariff for reform," all will enter new way for farmers to pay their debts. It upon a season of prosperity and good times. is by the silver scheme, and this means their With higher wages every family could own | ruin. If the farmer owes anything now, he promise; as soon became apparent by the that it is simply impossible to print the parties is to become the creature of partisan their own home, when we would have here must pay up before there is any change in prices of every commodity going up until the value of the greenback was worth in the greenback wa think that Louisiana will be allowed to cast | cent dollars. her electoral vote for Comrade McKinley, all old soldiers of whom he has knowledge will vote for McKinley and for Protection.

Massachusetts. five uniformed McKinley clubs here in Lowell, and two more who will have their uniforms in a day or two. In them are many men who voted for Grover four years ago, but they say that they have had all of Popocrats, and Silverites are doing all they found us in 1892—the most prosperous Na- that kind of prosperity they want. We turn tion on earth. I live in one of the Middle central States. We are a farming comor running on half time.

Charles W. Libby, 5th Mass., Medford, Mass., thinks that any party or set of poliaged \$5 per head in '92. Wool last Spring | ticians which will countenance the abuse sold for 8 to 12 cents, and sheep are worth | that "Coin" Harvey gave the veteran Gen-

Michigan. country are not in sentiment with the Chi-M. E. Nutt, 189th Ohio, Eaton Rapids, cago platform. At a Reunion in Petersburg, Mich .: I have always found THE NATIONAL in Pike County, last week there were 292 | TRIBUNE a reliable paper in all matters of veterans. A poll showed 13 for Free Silver; veterans' rights. We are certainly indebted the balance were for McKinley and Sound | to it for very much of what we now have in try, who announce their intention to line up | Money. Comrades, study this matter. Will | the way of pension legislation. It is ceras in 1861-65 to defend their beloved coun- you vote for Mr. Bryan, who never in his tainly very right now. What can any vettry from the attacks of its enemies. I am life said a kind word for us, or voted for a eran hope from the success of the mongrel doing all I can for Maj. McKinley, and | measure that would give us aid, or will you | following of Bryan but injury to the coun-

John H. Willett, Co. I, 12th Ill., Richmond, Miss.: I have made more McKinley men out of Democrats than any other man

George Robinson, Co. K, 6th Mo. Cav., Racine, Mo.: We will put McK nley in the White House Nov. 3.

sends a list of the names of the Lincoln- us the glory of defeating the most dangerous McKinley-Hobart Club of that city, a very hot shot, and wants to de his share. He large organization. All but few of them now sees no necessity for side tracking, and | are veterans, and nearly all of them have appeals to his comrader to "remember what | sons who will vote with them. Several of his army service has cost him with all its them have been Democrats. Sedalia will

James A. Woods, Co. B, 13th W. Va., Paris, Mo., reports there are a few old soldiers in

Jacob Fisher, Co. K, 11th Mo., Heneker, Mo.: I am an old soldier of four years and four and one-half months' service in the late unpleasantness. I am an old reader of your valuable paper, and am proud of your firm stand for Sound Money and McKinley. I hope he will be elected, but here in my neighborhood he will be beaten, as the Free Silverites are in the majority; but I tell them that I licked them in 1861, and on Nov. 3 I am going to take to the polls with me my three grown sons, who have never of us will go solid for McKinley. Our combined weight is 775 pounds, and our ages are 51, 29, 23, and 21; so you see we are heavy-

Wm. C. Stark, Co. C, 7th Ind. Cav., Grant City, Mo .: I am delighted with the letters from the comrades who are still in line. I will contribute my little mite to the end that the good old reliable soldiers' friend may know that 90 per cent. of the veterans here are in line and following the lead of THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE for Sound Money, prosperity and Comrade McKinley. We feel safe with THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE as our guide and leader, for just as sure as Moses led the children of Israel out of the Wilderness, so sure will the advice of THE NA-TIONAL TRIBUNE and Comrade McKinley lead the American people to peace and prosperity. I am sorry to note that a few of the comrades have gone off after false gods, and I am unable to understand how any comrade

Wm. Kelly, Co. I, 91st Ill., 1330 Oak St., Kansas City, Mo.: The long-roll is sounding. Let everybody fall into line with our brave McKinley on the one side calling for recruits, and on the other side is Capt. Hoke Smith, Altgeld, Tillman, Stone, and all the rest of the Anarchists and enemies of the laboring man and the old vets. You will find nearly all the old boys lined up with Capt. McKinley, who will deal a death blow to Populism and Anarchy. We have a Mc-Kinley Veteran Patriotic Club here of over 1,100 strong, which is more than we thought there were of old vets all together, and we have not been in existence nine months. City, S. D.: I do not blame manufacturers back. You see there are not many freaks here.

Edward S. Curtis, Co. D, 70th Ill., Grand Island, Neb.: I have listened to a great deal have come to the firm conclusion that they are no friends of the old soldiers. They are bitterly opposed to pensions, and say that we got well paid for going into the army. comrade going to vote their ticket.

S. C. Ferguson, Co. A, 35th Mo., Hay Springs, Neb.: People may think that this section is the hot-bed of Popocratism, just as South Carolina was of Secession in 1861; but will carry Kansas and Nebraska, as nearly they are mistaken. What few people there are in this County are not all fools, and especially the old soldiers. They remember portant than the issues of 1861-'65." Old J. R. Stephens, Sergeant, Co. B, 9th Iowa to their sorrow the way they were fooled Cav., Papico, Kan., notes the many foolish four years ago. Some of the veteran Poputhings said by Comrade Williams, but the lists are old, dyed-in-the-wool Democrats, most foolish was that the soldiers are going who did not care much which side whipped ernment and an honest currency and a re- sons and two sons-in-law, to protect the Na- to line up for Bryan. Comrade Stephens during the war, so long as they could get attended the State Reunion at Topeka, and their quinine and whisky. Another class, through which, and that alone, employer votes for Maj. McKiniev and a solid Repub- found the old boys there quite solid for and they are very few, are disgruntled, selves, and they are just laughing in their human slavery with us became a thing of and employee can both be benefited, should lican ticket on Nov. 3, 1896. If any of the Comrade McKinley, though there were some cranky Republicans, who seem to have an sleeves to think they are blinding many old Bryanites among them. Four years such as ax to grind and do not care who turns the we have been having since 1892 is quite stone. More than two-thirds of the veterans are strong for McKinley and good Gov-J. B. Cook, 4th Ill. Cav., Chelopa, Kan., ernment, and I for one feel very sure that "I say this is a monstrous slander on the finance question and Protection. Just keep forwards us a pamphlet issued by a Waliace | the 4th of November will show the clouds A. Bartlett saying that such stuff does not clearing away-sectionalism, anarchy, repugo in his section of Kansas, and wants us to diation, mob rule, and the like blown to the

Nevada.

Geo. W. Robinson, Co. C, 7th Mo. Cav., Reno, Nev.: I am glad to see that nearly all the old boys like THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE, and are sound on the money question. As a matter of course, it is the opinion of all throughout the country that the people of the Silver State to which Jones, Stewart and Newlands are accredited, will unanimously vote for Bryan, and it is quite probable that the electoral vote will go that way. But, not withstanding the hard and expensive campaign work being done by the California silver-mine owners, the Republican vote will suffering caused by Free Trade. What will be by no means insignificant; the Sound be the result with Free Silver? What Money sentiment is daily increasing, and in silver we have is good to-day because the the western Counties of the State the fight for McKinley and Protection is particularly determined and strong.

New York.

Jno. D. Brownell, Co. H, 1st N. Y. L. A. Wick, N. Y.: As we are pearing the 3d of November, our attention is called to whom shall we vote for. Four years ago we wantthe head of the United States. After his Elijah Parks, Co. F, 27th Mass., 1416 Cus- election the first thing he saw was too much

W. H. Surles, East Liverpool, O .: Your grand paper is doing a noble work all over the country for Comrade McKinley. Your John Bagley, jr., Lowell, Mass.: We have | column headed "What the Comrades are Saying" is especially beneficial for the purpose intended, and will cause many thousands of our veterans to change their votes. The Union Veteran Patriotic League, started by Gen. Sickles, is also doing great good, and no comrade who wore the blue should hesitate an instant in again signing the roll as when he enlisted for the war. Our League here was organized with a membership of 130, and now numbers 302 good men and true, all earnest, enthusiastic workers for our distinguished Comrade, Maj. McKinley.

A. J. Gleason, 15th Ohio, Van Wert, O. It is most fortunate for the soldier element that your paper so nobly champions their cause, and also that of National honor and welfare, and it is to be regretted that it is not at the fireside of every man who wore the blue. There would be less Populism on the Western plains, less Socialistic rant about plutocrats and goldbugs, crucifying mankind, etc., and more Americanism and common sense instead. I was born, bred and educated in the Democratic faith, but began losing it in '61, when I shouldered a musket to defend a Union assailed by Democrats, and the last vestige of that faith was knocked clean out of me by a couple of Democratic bullets I ran against at Chickamauga. We have surely sacrificed enough

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Comrade James A. Capen, Sedalia, Mo., already, so fall in line, boys, and share with foes to progress and prosperity ever arrayed against us at the ballot-box. We know we have a stanch friend in McKinley, and we have not such in Bryan and his crowd.

A. W. France, Oregon City, Ore.: Sept. 22 a Union Veterans' Patriotic League was organized in this city with 28 members as a his vicinity, every one of whom, with their starter. The following officers were elected: sons, will vote for McKinley.

Pres., A. W. France, Co. C. 10th Wis.; V.-P.. E. T. Grider, Co. A, 27th Ind.; Sec., Geo. F. Horton, Co. C. 148th Ohio: Treas., J. T. Apperson, Co. E. 1st Ore. Cav. Since then our numbers have increased to 104, and more coming. Our Popocratic friends reported that the Post numbered 160, and we could only get 20 in the League. The facts are that the Post membership is 60. Our Vice-President, E. T. Grider, marched and fought over | day." the same ground from 1861-'65 that his grandfather marched and fought over during the Revolutionary war. We are doing all we can to make the vote of McKinley and Ho-

bart a winner. Pennsylvania.

Moses Wagner, 202d Pa., Carlisle Springs, Pa.: I am truly glad of the great fight you are making for Comrade McKinley. There are about 15 comrades in my immediate neighborhood, and they will vote for Mc-Kinley. If I am spared till election day I will shoot straight on that day as I did at Mosby's guerrillas in 1864. I have also two sons, whom I have taught patriotism and to love their country. Their votes will be cast the same way.

Geo. S. Anderson, Co. H. 87th Pa., Rossville, Pa. : I would call every old soldier's attention to the grand spectacle at Maj. Mc-Kinley's home, where over 1,000 ex-Confederates came marching up from Virginia to pay their respects. These men had stood the shock of battle in Virginia and other Southern States, fighting for an idea that we can so far forget his past glorious service to | hood and bravery to show their appreciation | it cost of blood, treasure and precious lives his country as to vote and act with the old of the glorious achievements of the Union go for naught. crew composed of Jones, Tillman, Harris, et | soldiers, for our prosperity is theirs as well. al. Shame, comrades! Heroic blood from a Does it not seem strange that some of our thousand battlefields will rise up and smite | number have gone back on their principles and their records (if they had any)? The ex-Confederates have become the supporters of good Government and good money, while some of our Union soldiers have become the enemies of the same. Let us stand by our best advocate, THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE, whilst it is battling manfully for our rights and for honest money and Protection. Let us give it the honest assurance that we appreciate its herculean efforts in our behalf, and if we do less than this we prove recreant to every principle of honor. South Dakota.

F. W. Suckow, Co. E. 38th Iowa, Rapid the Anarchistic form of Government which we should have if Bryan should be elected, which God forbid. I am still in line, and think it fully as important a task to down my vote, wife's, son's, and two daughters' Bryan & Co. now as it was to put down Secession. Comrades, steady in front, and every old soldier would do the same. we'll conquer.

John A. Collins, Co. G, 1st Ohio, and M. . Bailey, Custer, S. D.: Senator Pettigrew, Bryan's bolting backer, in a public speech to the Free Silverites at Custer, Oct. 3, made use of the following statement: "All of you stand together until election day and work for the election of Bryan. Any man who spends 30 days working for Bryan will do his country better service than he who spent three years of his life carrying a musket. The issues of the present campaign are more imsoldiers, how does this strike you? Tennessee.

H. S. Lowry, Co. E, 14th Ill., Grandview, Tenn.: The action of the Chicago Convention has emboldened the old soldier-haters and fire-eaters of the South to express themsoldiers to repudiate what we did in 1861-5. Their scheme is too flimsy to hide the devil in their ranks. Can we expect anything good from those who ruled that convention and cheered every rebel sentiment uttered It was controlled by the most rabid rebels yet living, and they want our votes so that ors' Home, Quincy, Ill.: I think all this find out how much he was paid by the four winds and our modern Babylon rebuilt. they can get an opportunity to cut our

Samuel Armstrong, Co. G. 7th Iowa Cav. Del Rio, Tex., says our people would not think of hard times if they could witness what he has seen just across the border in Mexico, and once a witness of sights of daily occurrence in that country, our people would be slow to place us on a silver basis. There are thousands of families in Mexico "who do not have 10 cents a day to live on, and they actually live on rats, prickly pears and mesquit beans, and the best wages there is 25 cents per day, paid in 50-cent dollars." He shudders to think that our country should ever come to this pass, and our workingmen and women reduced to the condition of those of Mexico. He is almost a daily witness of men and women as naked as the day they were born carrying silver ore on their backs in the broiling sun, and all for 25 cents a

Texas.

Alexander Roberson, Co. D. 117th U.S. C. T., Midland, Va., is doing all he can for Mo-Kinley, and so are the other few soldiers in his neighborhood. The Jews betrayed Christ for 30 pieces of silver and now the Demo-Pops are trying to betray all the people for Free Silver. Wheat went up three cents today and silver went down about the same, which goes to prove the falsity of the Demo-Pops that silver would go up, and this would make wheat go up. There are clubs in this vicinity that are for McKinley and Sound Money, and promises that McKinley will receive 200 votes in his neighborhood.

Thos. R. Burgner, 3d Pa. Art., Librarian, U. S. Military Library, Fortress Monroe, Va., appeals to his comrades to support Comrade McKiuley the same as they rallied to the support of the flag, the country, and the Government's honor in the days of 1861-'65, as the principles are the same to-day as then. We have preserved the Nation and have kept its glory and honor untarnished, and now we do not propose that the doctrine believe is wrong. But they have the man- preached by Bryan shall prevail, and all that

Washington.

Harvey Canfield, Co. A, 9th Mich., Sumas, Wash.: We think now that the Republicans will carry this State, and are doing all that we can to secure the victory. I cannot understand how Bryan can stamp a half-bushel of wheat, and make a bushel thereof. We want confidence. Then we shall have plenty of money in circulation. We cannot get this by shouting for Free Trade and Free

Wisconsin.

G. H. McIntyre, Commander, Post 14, Portage, Wis.: Give 'em hot shots. I like your style. We have a Post of 80, and I know of but one comrade who is whooping it up for Bryan, and he is a kicker from way John Butler, Co. G. 11th Pa. Cav., Carbon

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